

**In the Claims:**

Cancel Claim 1.

**Claim 2** (currently amended) An isolated polynucleotide ~~according to claim 1,~~  
~~wherein it is a polynucleotide~~ of sequence SEQ.ID.NO. 8.

**Claim 3** (currently amended) An isolated polynucleotide ~~according to claim 1,~~  
wherein it is a polynucleotide of sequence SEQ.ID.NO. 9.

**Claim 4** (previously presented) An isolated polynucleotide selected from the  
group consisting of sequence SEQ.ID.NO. 4, SEQ.ID.NO. 5, SEQ.ID.NO. 11 and  
SEQ.ID.NO. 12.

**Claim 5** (previously presented) An isolated polynucleotide of sequence  
SEQ.ID.NO. 13.

Cancel Claim 6.

**Claim 7** (cancelled).

**Claim 8** (previously presented) An expression vector containing a  
polynucleotide of sequence SEQ.ID.NO. 13.

**Claim 9** (previously presented) A host cell transformed or transfected by an expression vector according to claim 8.

**Claim 10** (currently amended) A process for preparing an isolated polypeptide corresponding to the protein encoded by the polynucleotide sequence SEQ.ID.NO. 9 or SEQ.ID.NO. 13 ~~or one of the fragments of the said SEQ.ID.NO. 13 or~~ by a sequence complementary to the polynucleotide sequence SEQ.ID.NO. 9 ~~or one of the fragments of the latter,~~ said isolated polypeptide having at least one ~~immunological~~ immunological and/or biological activity characteristic of a protein binding human GHRH and being associated with the modulation of cell proliferation, said preparation process comprising the following steps:

(a) culture, under suitable conditions to obtain the expression of said polypeptide of a host cell transformed or transfected with an expression vector comprising an isolated polynucleotide comprising the polynucleotide sequence SEQ.ID.NO. 9 or SEQ.ID.NO. 13, the sequence complementary to the polynucleotide sequence SEQ.ID.NO. 9 or SEQ.ID.NO. 13 ~~or also one of the fragments of the latter,~~ said isolated polypeptide having at least one immunological and/or biological activity characteristic of a protein binding human GHRN protein and being associated with the modulation of cell proliferation, and

(b) isolation of the polypeptide from the host cell cultures.

**Cancel Claim 11.**

**Claims 12 to 17 (cancelled).**

**Cancel Claims 18 to 22.**